

1 \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
3 (Primary Sponsor)  
4 BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK

5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE DESIGNATION OF THE CHIEF MEAT  
6 INSPECTOR; DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK TO  
7 DESIGNATE THE CHIEF MEAT INSPECTOR; AND AMENDING SECTION 81-9-226, MCA."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 **Section 1.** Section 81-9-226, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"81-9-226. Chief meat inspector -- deputies -- qualifications.** (1) ~~There is a chief meat inspector,~~  
13 ~~who must be appointed by the board and shall serve at its pleasure. The department's executive officer shall~~  
14 ~~designate the chief meat inspector. The chief meat inspector shall serve at the pleasure of the executive officer.~~

15 (2) The chief meat inspector shall supervise the state meat inspection program established in 81-  
16 9-216 through 81-9-220 and 81-9-226 through 81-9-236 and shall enforce the provisions of 81-9-216 through  
17 81-9-220 and 81-9-226 through 81-9-236 to assure the public that only pure, wholesome, and unadulterated  
18 meat or meat food products are offered for sale.

19 (3) ~~Upon~~On recommendation of the chief meat inspector, the board shall appoint veterinary meat  
20 inspectors and lay meat inspectors, who ~~must be~~are responsible to the chief meat inspector and who shall  
21 conduct antemortem and postmortem inspections, enforce sanitary requirements, and perform other necessary  
22 meat inspection duties.

23 (4) An inspector assigned to an official establishment may not be related to the management of the  
24 establishment or have any financial interest ~~therein~~in the establishment."

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